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SUBJ: RADIO MOSCOW BROADCAST ON ISRAELI RAIDS

1. ASSISTANT SECRETARY STOESSEL CALLED SOVIET DCM
VORONTSOV APRIL 13 IN CONNECTION WITH RADIO MOSCOW
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BROADCAST IN ARABIC 1600 GMT APRIL 12 ENTITLED " WHO IS BEHIND THE ISRAELI ASSASSINS?" BROADCAST REFERRED TO " BLOODY ACT OF SUBVERSION" OF ISRAELI MILITARY IN LEBANON AND SPOKE OF " IMPERIALIST FORCES" SUPPORTING AGGRESSORS. IN THIS CONTEXT, BROADCAST MENTIONED SUPPORT AGGRESSORS OBTAINED FROM UNITED STATES IN TERMS OF WEAPONS AND MONEY, AND ALSO SUPPORT FROM U. S. CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY. BROADCAST QUOTED STATEMENT BY PALESTINE LIBERATION ORGANIZATION TO EFFECT THAT RAID WAS PLANNED AND CARRIED OUT WITH THE DIRECT PARTICIPATION OF US AND CIA.

2. STOESSEL TOLD VORONTSOV HE WAS CALLING ON INSTRUCTIONS OF SECRETARY TO PROTEST THIS BROADCAST BY RADIO MOSCOW. HE NOTED THAT SECRETARY HAD SEEN ARAB CHIEFS OF MISSION APRIL 12 TO EXPRESS USG CONCERN OVER CHARGES IN ARAB BROADCASTS OF US COMPLICITY IN RAIDS AND HE NOTED THAT SECRETARY HAD CATEGORICALLY DENIED ANY US INVOLVEMENT IN ANY WAY IN ISRAELI ACTION. STOESSEL SAID WE WERE DEEPLY CONCERNED THAT RADIO MOSCOW IN ITS BROADCAST HAD NOTED CHARGES AGAINST THE US WHICH WERE ENTIRELY FALSE. WE

PROTESTED THIS AND EXPECTED THAT THERE WOULD BE NO REPETITION.

3. VORONTSOV STATED THAT HE WOULD REPORT THIS IMMEDIATELY TO MOSCOW. HE CALLED BACK SEVERAL HOURS LATER AND SAID THAT AFTER CONSULTATION WITH AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN, HE WISHED TO INQUIRE WHETHER STOESSEL HAD INTENDED TO USE WORD " PROTEST" REGARDING RADIO MOSCOW BROADCAST, NOTING THAT THIS HAD PARTICULAR IMPLICATIONS IN DIPLOMATIC PARLANCE. STOESSEL CONFIRMED THAT HE INDEED HAD INTENDED TO USE WORD " PROTEST" AND HE REITERATED AGAIN OUR DEEP CONCERN ABOUT ANY ACTION WHICH COULD CONTRIBUTE TO INCITEMENT OF VIOLENCE AGAINST UNITED STATES AND AMERICAN CITIZENS IN ARAB COUNTRIES. ROGERS

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